

REMARKS

Claims 29-62 are pending. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I including claims 29-34 and 36 with traverse. Applicants request that claims 35 and 37-62 be withdrawn from consideration.

Initially, Applicants traverse the restriction to the extent that claim 29 is not included in any of the identified restriction groups. As indicated by the Examiner, claim 29 is generic and links all of the groups. Therefore, claim 29 should be examined along with the claims of elected Group I.

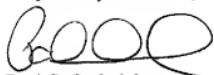
Applicants further traverses on the grounds that the Examiner has cited to PCT Rules 13.1 and 13.2 to support the restriction requirement. The instant application is a United States National Phase application and as such, the applicable law is the United States Patent Statute (35 U.S.C.) and Rules (37 C.F.R.). PCT rules are not applicable here.

Applicants have amended claims 30-32 to replace the term fiber-optic waveguide" with "light guide" to more closely correspond to the meaning of the German term "Lichtleiter" which was used in the parent application in the original written German language. By this amendment, it intends to broaden the meaning of the term as claimed.

Applicants have also amended withdrawn claims 40 and 42 to correct typographical errors. These claims depend ultimately from claim 29 and will be patentable if claim 29 is patentable.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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